

The Celebration of the Holy Three New Hierarchs

On the first Sunday of November, November 4, 2013 (Old Style), the Holy Synod in Resistance celebrated the *Synaxis* of its Patrons, the Holy Three New Hierarchs, Photios the Great, Gregory Palamas, and Mark Evgenikos.

At the headquarters of our Metropolis, namely, the Holy Monastery of Sts. Cyprian and Justina, Phyle, Athens, the Divine Liturgy was celebrated in the monastery Cathedral by His Eminence, Metropolitan Cyprian of Oropos and Phyle, President of the Holy Synod. Also taking part in the Liturgy were His Grace, Bishop Klemes of Gardikion, Archimandrite Theodosios, the Abbot of the monastery, and the monastery clergy, with a large throng of faithful in prayerful attendance.

During the communion of the clergy, His Eminence, Metropolitan Cyprian delivered a short message on this great Feast: “Fathers and Teachers of the Church.”*

At the end of the Divine Liturgy, a memento of this day, an Icon of the Holy Trinity surrounded by the Holy Three New Hierarchs, was distributed to the congregation, as well as a recently published text by a missionary from Africa about Orthodoxy as the unique Ark of man’s salvation, attested through striking and revealing incidents and miracles.

In the monastery’s major reception hall, the two Hierarchs spoke about subjects pertinent to the Feast. In particular, His Grace, Bishop Klemes discussed the tale of the Grand Inquisitor, from the work by Fyodor Dostoyevsky, *The Brothers Karamazov*, in which the demonic nature of Papal power and the falling away of Papism from the genuine Christian spirit of the Gospel is expressed with exceptional lucidity, and criticized certain New Calendarist Hierarchs in Greece for recent ecumenical deviations on their part, which betoken a ruinous estrangement from the mind of the Holy Fathers and Teachers of the Church.

